

May 26, 1972

To: Senator
From : Dan and Bob
Re: LongBeach Headquarters opening statement.

Longbeach is is an area that was once--before WWII--a hot bed of some of the broadest welfare schemes broached such as Townsend plan, etc.

After WWII, the area has turned exceptionally conservative-- Being greatly concerned about moral issues, about high cost of living, about taxes, and about welfare giveaways--or what they perceive to be welfare giveaways.

The area is about evenly matched with blue and white collar types.

One person we talked to said that they are very concerned about the return of POW's . They are concerned about ~~amesty~~ amesty and positions on that.

We have written a statement that stresses McGovern's defense ~~cutbacks~~ cutbacks as they impact jobs in the ~~Longbeach~~ Longbeach area.

We have also incorporated into this statement a couple of lines about the McGovern welfare program. Whjat we are doing here is asking some basic questions, but peging the questions to McGovern's suggestion in his written proposal that he would tap into the Social Security Trust fund to pay for his welfare legislation.

The area is heavy on defense spending contracts, ship yard and ship servicing.

There is a high payroll at the shipyard. ~~Aircraft~~ Aircraft, electrical parts, airframes, etc. are built there.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

OPENING OF LONG BEACH HEADQUARTERS

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

MAY 26, 1972

I'M HERE TO TELL THE VOTERS OF LONG BEACH THAT THEY DO HAVE AN IMPORTANT CHOICE TO MAKE ON JUNE 6 WHEN THEY VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

IT WILL BE A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO MEN WHO DIFFER ON THE BEST WAY TO PUT THIS NATION BACK TO WORK AND GET OUR COUNTRY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BACK ON ITS FEET.

HUMPHREY OR McGOVERN -- IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A JOB OR LOOKING FOR WORK.

SENATOR McGOVERN HAS PROPOSED A DEFENSE CUTBACK PROGRAM WHICH THREATENS THE ECONOMIC HEALTH AND THE JOBS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE LONG BEACH AREA.

SENATOR McGOVERN HAS PROPOSED HALTING ALL FURTHER BUILDING OF NAVAL SURFACE SHIPS. HE SAYS THAT "NO FURTHER

CONSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED."

WHAT WILL THIS DO TO THE NAVAL SHIPYARD HERE IN
LONG BEACH?

HE ALSO PROPOSES THAT WE MOTHBALL 9 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS,
100 CRUISERS, FRIGATES AND DESTROYERS AND REDUCE THE TOTAL
NUMBER OF SUBMARINES BY 11.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

IT MEANS A CUTBACK IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.

IT MEANS A CUTBACK IN COMMERCE FOR THE RETAIL BUSINESSES
OF THE AREA.

AND IT MEANS THAT THE NIXON RECESSION HERE IN LONG
BEACH COULD BECOME THE McGOVERN RECESSION THROUGHOUT THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

AND HE PROPOSES THESE MASSIVE CUTBACKS WITHOUT A TRULY EFFECTIVE PLAN TO PROTECT THE JOBS, THE HOMES AND THE FINANCIAL SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN McGOVERN AND HUMPHREY ON TAXES AND WELFARE.

SENATOR McGOVERN WANTS TO GIVE EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE, A FREE WELFARE CHECK, BUT HE WON'T TELL US HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST OR HOW MUCH YOUR TAXES WILL BE INCREASED TO PAY FOR IT.

HE SAYS -- WAIT UNTIL I'M PRESIDENT, THEN I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOUR TAXES WILL INCREASE.

BUT HE DOES SUGGEST A FEW THINGS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:

--HE SUGGESTS THAT PARTS OF SACRED SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD BE USED TO FINANCE HIS WELFARE GRANT PROGRAM.

I'M OPPOSED TO USING SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN HELPING TO PROVIDE DIGNITY AND DECENCY FOR ELDERLY AMERICANS.

I HAVE PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR OLDER AMERICANS, INCLUDING --

--A 25% INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY,

--A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR ELDERLY ON SOCIAL SECURITY,

--CHANGES IN MEDICARE, SUCH AS ELIMINATING THE \$50 DEDUCTIBLE AND THE DOCTOR'S INSURANCE,

--FREEZE THE HOSPITAL CO-PAYMENT.

--A COMPREHENSIVE HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM TO MAKE
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE A REALITY.

--AND, A CUT IN PAYROLL TAXES TO TAKE PART OF THE
BURDEN OFF THE WORKING FAMILIES.

I'M OPPOSED TO USING SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS FOR WELFARE
OF ANY TYPE.

THIS ISN'T WHAT THE HARD WORKING FAMILIES OF LONG BEACH
WANT.

PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA WANT JOBS -- NOT MORE WELFARE.

I HAVE A DETAILED JOB PROGRAM TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO
WORK.

AND THEY ARE FED UP WITH HIGH PROPERTY TAXES AND GIANT
CORPORATIONS, AND THE PRIVILEGED FEW OF THIS COUNTRY NOT

PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE.

I'VE PROPOSED A DETAILED LOOPHOLE CLOSING PLAN THAT
WILL CUT THE PROPERTY TAXES OF PEOPLE IN LONG BEACH.



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